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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Application No. 09/918,032; Filed: July 30, 2001
For: **Distributed Network Data Storage System and Method**
Inventors: TORMASOV *et al.*
Our Ref: 2230.0390001/MBR/GSB

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111;
2. Declaration of Alexander Tormasov, Mikhail Khassine, Serguei Beloussov and Stanislav Protassov Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131;
3. Exhibits A, B and C to the Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131; and
4. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated **March 28, 2005**, Applicants submit the following Remarks. This Reply is provided in the following format:

(A) Each section begins on a separate sheet;

(B) Starting on a separate sheet, the Remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.